

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 184129

22

ORIGIN SSO-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /001 R

DRAFTED BY S/S-O: JONES

APPROVED BY S/S-O: HOGANSON

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

1 COPY FOR S/S-O

----- 005436

O 240854Z JUL 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO JCS IMMEDIATE

SECDEF IMMEDIATE

CIA IMMEDIATE

WHITE HOUSE IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T STATE 184129

EXDIS-DOD HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SECDEF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. PROBLEMS WITH FOCUSING SPANISH AYES ON REFORM

MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY OSORIO TOLD AMBASSADOR STABLER JULY 22 THAT THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT FACES DIFFICULTY IN TRYING TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMIC SITUATION SINCE THE MEASURES IT SHOULD ADOPT ARE NOT NOW POLITICALLY FEASIBLE. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ALSO TOLD THAT:

--PROPOSALS FOR REFORM OF THE LEGISLATURE ARE BEING REVIEWED, BUT THERE IS NO SPECIFIC CALENDAR FOR THE REFERENDUM AND GENERAL ELECTION.

--LEGALIZATION OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY CANNOT BE TOLERATED AT THIS TIME.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 184129

NON-GOVERNMENT CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS PRESENT FELT THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION TOWARD THE SUAREZ GOVERNMENT IS POSITIVE BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT BE ABLE TO MOVE FAST ENOUGH AND THAT THE SENIOR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT MIGHT IMPEDE THE GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO ACT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 5646, 7/22.)

2. TUNISIA SENDS UP A DISCREET FLARE

AMBASSADOR MULCAHY MET JULY 22 WITH TUNISIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CHATTY WHO REPEATED TUNISIA'S DESIRE FOR DISCREET INDICATIONS OF US MILITARY AND MORAL SUPPORT IN THE CRISIS TUNISIA FORESEES WITH LIBYA. EXAMPLES OF SUCH SUPPORT, MIGHT INCLUDE:

--INCREASED US NAVY VISITS TO TUNISIA IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS;

--MORE FREQUENT INTELLIGENCE LIAISON;

--UTILIZING THE AIR SEARCH RADAR CAPABILITY OF NAVAL VESSELS VISITING TUNISIA; AND

--AIR RECONNAISSANCE BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: THE TUNISIANS FEEL THEY ARE FACING THEIR MOST SEVERE EXTERNAL THREAT SINCE INDEPENDENCE AND HAVE TURNED TO THE US FOR SUPPORT. A MODEST AND LIMITED DEMONSTRATION OF OUR FRIENDSHIP, AS REQUESTED, SHOULD BE FEASIBLE. IT IS VITAL, HOWEVER, THAT OUR RESPONSE NOT BE OVERDONE. (SECRET) TUNIS 5177 (EXDIS), 7/23.)

3. SINO-PORTUGUESE TIES IN THE OFFING?

AMCONSULATE HONG KONG HAS BEEN TOLD THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SINO-PORTUGUESE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS COULD COME AS EARLY AS AUGUST. THE CONSULATE SEES AS FACTORS IN CHINA'S NEW RECEPTIVITY TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICIAL LINKS:

--THE DECLINE OF SOVIET INFLUENCE IN PORTUGAL, AS EVIDENCED BY EANES' ELECTION;

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 184129

DENCED BY EANES' ELECTION;

--LISBON'S APPROVAL OF MEASURES AFFECTING MACAU WHICH EVIDENCE CONTINUING PORTUGUESE INTEREST IN ADMINISTERING THAT ENCLAVE.

THE ISSUANCE OF AN INVITATION TO A DELEGATION OF PORTUGUESE LEADERS SEEMS TO INDICATE THE PRC'S FAVORABLE ASSESSMENT OF

RECENT POLITICAL CHANGES IN PORTUGAL. (SECRET) HONG KONG
8640, 7/23.)

4. ZAMBIA PLANS TO CONFRONT SOUTH AFRICANS IN UNSC

ZAMBIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE IS IN NEW YORK EXPLORING THE
POSSIBILITY OF PRESENTING TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL A RESOLU-
TION CONDEMNING SOUTH AFRICA. USUN REPORTS THAT IN A JULY
23 MEETING WITH THE BRITISH UN DELEGATION THE ZAMBIANS
SAID:

--THEY ARE AWARE OF THE DELICACY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
NEGOTIATIONS.

--IF OPPOSITION TO THE RESOLUTION (YET TO BE WRITTEN)
DEVELOPS IN THE SC, THEY MAY SETTLE FOR DEBATE WITHOUT
A RESOLUTION.

--A DRAFT WILL BE SHOWN TO THE AFRICAN GROUP JULY 26.

ACCORDING TO EMBASSY LUSAKA, MWALE HAS STATED HE WANTS TO
OBTAIN "AN UNRESERVED CONDEMNATION OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR IN-
HUMAN AND SAVAGE ATTACKS AGAINST THE INNOCENT PEOPLE OF
ZAMBIA." HOWEVER, USUN SAYS THE ZAMBIANS HAVE NOT YET BEEN
SO PRECISE IN DESCRIBING THEIR DESIRES. (CONFIDENTIAL)
USUN 3001, 2996, 7/23 AND (UNCLASSIFIED) LUSAKA 1874, 7/22.)
ROBINSON

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MORNING SUMMARY
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 24 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE184129
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: O: JONES
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760285-0900
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760724/aaaaausf.tel
Line Count: 142
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SSO
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19 MAR 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <19 MAR 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <01 SEP 2004 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS
TAGS: PFOR, PGOV, ECON, PINT, MARR, PDIP, PORG, SP, TS, US, LY, CH, PO, ZA, SF, UNSC
To: JCS MULTIPLE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006